

## Holt County Sentinel.

### "IN THE POUTS."

Checks of an ominous crimson,  
Eyebrows arched to a frown,  
Pretty red lips quiver  
With holding their sweetness down.

Glances that never is lifted  
From the hands that, in cruel play,  
Are tearing the white rose-petals,  
And tossing their hearts away.

Only to think that a whisper,  
An idle, meaningless jest,  
Should stir such a world of passion  
In a dear, little, loving breast.

Yet ever for such light trifles,  
Will lover and lass fall out,  
And the humblest lad grow haughty,  
And the gentlest maiden pout.

Of course I must sue for pardon,  
For what I can hardly say—  
But, deaf to opposing reason,  
A woman will have her way.

And when, in despite her frowning,  
The scorn, the grief, and the rue,  
She looks so bewitchingly pretty,  
Why—what can a poor fellow do?

### VARIETIES.

WHEN gamblers marry they rarely announce "No cards."

The best way to keep a woman's love is never to return it.

WHEN does a lady's tongue go quick-est? When it's on the rail.

MATRIMONY is like a besieged city. Those that are out want to get in, and those that are in want to get out.

"Good blood will show itself," as the old lady said when she was struck by the redness of her nose.

Why is the leader of an orchestra at the opera the most wonderful man of the age? Because he beats Time.

An old lady wants to know, if the compass has a needle of thirty points, how long it would take a woman with such a needle to make a shirt.

"POMPEY, why am Massa Field always at work at de cshen cable?" "Go way, Jupe, I dunno." "Well, den, 'cause he's de-Cyrus to have it succeed. Dat's all."

MISS HARRIS, who shot her lover recently in the Treasury Department, is now residing in Richmond, following the occupation of a milliner, and has, apparently, quite recovered from her insanity.

SOMEBODY made a good hit the other day when he said that in 1776 we went to war on account of the stamp act, and got the nigger; and that in 1861 we went to war about the nigger and got the stamp act.

A dutiful son was sent to do an errand. He stayed away ten years; returned with the errand, and presented himself. "Here, mother, is the sugar you sent me for." "Set it down, my son; you ought to be punished for staying out so long."

THE farmer whose pigs were so lean it took two of them to make a shadow, has been beaten by another, who had several so thin that they would crawl out through the cracks in their pen. He finally stopped that fun by tying knots in their tails.

PAT DOOLYN, a high private in the British Army at Inkerman, bowed his head to a cannon ball which whizzed past, six inches above his bearskin. One who was not in the same danger asked was he afraid? "Well, no," said Pat, "but one never loses anything by politeness."

"ARE you, really, you know, going to 'ang Davis?" said an English sojourner. "It would be too blasted bad, that would, you know." "Oh, we shan't hang him," said his interlocutor. "We shall probably blow him from the muzzle of a gun, as you did the Sepoys in India." "Ah!" said the stranger, "but that was quite another thing, you know."

"HOLLERED."—Were you ever at a darkey camp meeting? Well they "hol-ler" some. One old darkey of my acquaintance was reproved one day by his master for shouting so at his private devotions. Pompey, with a very grave face, said: "Guess massa don't read de scrip-ters wid much 'tention." "Ah! how's that?" said the master. "Why," said Pompey, with a knowing look, "de Scrip-ter say, 'Holler-ed be Thy name?'"

A FEW years since Tom Marshall was delivering an address to a large audience at Buffalo, when some one in the hall every few moments shouted "louder, louder!" Tom stood this for a while, but at last, turning gravely to the presiding officer, he said: "Mr. Chairman, at the last day when the angel with his golden trumpet proclaims that time shall be no more, I doubt not, sir, that there will be in that vast crowd, as now, some drunken fool from Buffalo, shouting 'louder, louder!' The house roared, Tom went on with his speech, but there were no more cries of "louder."

## FARM AND HOUSE.

### Keeping Sweet Potatoes.

Most persons find it impossible to keep sweet potatoes during the winter, as they must be kept at a uniform temperature, and in a certain state of dryness or they decay and are gone directly; and indeed it is a somewhat difficult matter to keep them with the ordinary appliances of the farm-house.

But having occasion to purchase seed potatoes lately, I had the opportunity of seeing a sweet potato cellar, that was at once effective, economical and simple—where no thermometer to regulate the temperature—no direct fire-heat, nor any particular attention was required after storing away in the fall. This consisted of a cellar or hole in the ground, dug directly under the floor of the room occupied by the family, the only opening to which was near the stove-place by a trap door; the cellar is small, say six feet wide, eight or ten feet long, and six or so high, or large enough to hold 400 to 500 bushels of potatoes when filled up. The walls of this cellar are many feet inside the wall of the house, and of course out of reach of frost, or wet from drainage.

The walls are built up tight and snug to the upper floor all around, and plastered; the floor is of earth only. The potatoes are poured in here, dry and sound, in the fall, and remain till wanted in the spring. The proprietor informed me that, out of 400 bushels stowed away thus, he will not lose over three bushels by decay, or any other cause; and the potatoes are sound and plump, not shriveled in the least, as is apt to be the case when kept in cellars by fire-heat; and they are said to keep much longer and better after taken out of the cellar, than those kept by fire-heat.

It will be seen that the dry, heated temperature of the room can be admitted or excluded at any time, as needed; but the cellar must rely mainly for its proper heat and dryness, to its situation and size. At all events it appeared to me to be a most successful, and certainly a simple and economical plan of keeping this useful and nice-flavored edible through the winter.—Cor. Rural World.

SMUT IN WHEAT.—Take one pound of blue oil of vitriol—dissolve it in two or three quarts of boiling hot water, in some earthen vessel. Then put it in a pail and fill with cold water. Now take ten bushels of seed wheat, on the barn floor, and sprinkle this solution all over it, and shovel it thoroughly so that every kernel is wet, and in two or three hours it is ready to sow. You may keep it longer just as well, if you dry it and keep it from heating. This receipt is efficient, but if you have very smutty wheat you may raise a little smut the next year, but none after that.—[Cor. Co. Gent.]

TAX ON SORGHUM.—The commissioner says in reply to inquiry: Under the act of June 30th, 1864, sirup made from Sorghum or Imphee, was liable to a duty of 5 per cent. *ad valorem*. But by the amendatory act of March 3, 1865, sirup made above, is exempt from duty.

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PREMIUM BREAD.—Salt or milk rising, one teacup new milk and one teacup salt; pour in two teacups of boiling water; when cooled so as not to scald, stir in flour to make a batter, and set it in a kettle of warm water until it rises up light, which will be in about five hours; pour the batter into your pan of flour, and mix with warm water or milk in sufficiency to make four loaves of bread, add a teacupful of soda to the wetting, knead thoroughly, and put it in pans to rise, which it will do in half an hour.

ST. CHARLES CORN BREAD.—Beat two eggs very light; mix them with one quart of Indian meal and one pint of sour milk or buttermilk. Add one tablespoonful of melted butter, and a teaspoonful of saleratus, well dissolved, immediately before baking. Beat hard and bake quick.

SHREWSBERRY CAKE.—Make a stiff paste of a pound and a half of flour, three-quarters of a pound of sifted loaf sugar, a teaspoonful of pounded cinnamon, half a pound warmed butter, one egg and a little milk; roll it thin, cut and bake on tins in a quick oven.

OUR readers should bear in mind that the best part of a potato is immediately under the skin. Wash clean, and boil with the skin on—boil just done; if a little spot but partially done is left at the centre, all the better: eat at once.

WASH a bedstead in strong brine, and bed-bugs will depart from it, and keep away as cool as mice. It will be necessary to repeat the operation once or twice during the summer, as the saline property evaporates.

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